

ABBA Board Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, 1 March 2014  
Mandarin Buffet, Coon Rapids

Present: Jerry, Ric, Lori, David, Eric, Chris

1. The Board welcomed Lori to her first meeting.

1a. Given Mike's dad's declining health, the LWBB wants to send flowers at an appropriate time. Chris will let Mike know of this so Mike can let Chris know about timing & location. Jerry will do the ordering.

2. The Board discussed today's show-of-hands commitment for the one-day Vintage Band Festival and agreed with Mike's recommendation that the LWBB not participate. Following up the previous discussion of combining with Sheldon to form a band, Sheldon has a strong commitment to participate, but Chris will let Jerry Greupner & Sheldon know that there are several LWBB members interested in playing should Sheldon need to fill holes in their ranks.

2a. The Board discussed other ways to contribute to the VBF to help out given their need to recoup last year's major losses. The Board agreed to donate all CD sales proceeds from the March concert weekend to the VBF. The Board also voted to offer to send Paul a box of Bravura CDs to sell during the festival, with the festival keeping all proceeds and returning any unsold CDs. The Board also decided to take a collection from band members over the March concert weekend and at the March 29th rehearsal to help the VBF.

3. The Board discussed the attendance expectations and some inconsistencies regarding subs, First-Call Players missing a rehearsal or a concert, empty chairs at rehearsal, and so forth. The goal remains to have no empty chairs for any rehearsal. Since all section leaders already report concert rosters to the Band Manager, the Band Manager will also serve as the personnel "funnel" for rehearsals so it's only one person reporting to Mike a summary of who's missing and who's there in their place. Two things will subsequently occur: 1) Chris will email section leaders to advise them of the Board's discussion. 2) In the summer, Jerry will author a 2-part "housekeeping" note to all band members which will remind & clarify for everyone the attendance/commitment expectations and also articulate the Board's expectation that those who use band-owned horns will pay for an annual professional cleaning of the instrument.

4. With Ric present, the Board concluded the previous meeting's discussion about the ARCC Music Department lesson scholarships. Concerns previously raised regarding what to do if the funds went unused in a given year had abated. The Board remains committed to annually funding the scholarship. Jerry & Ric discussed annual timing mechanics.

5. The Board briefly discussed the personnel situation in the percussion section, where three of the four permanent spots are open.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris